

REMARKS

Currently pending in this application are claims 62 – 69, 71 – 79, and 81 – 106. Claims 44 – 61 have been canceled by this amendment and claims 1 – 24, 70, 80 and 97 were canceled in prior amendments.

New claims 98 – 106 parallel prior claims 48 – 50, 56, 57, 60 and 61 which were objected to and claim 51 which was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112. The strike through in claim 51 was in error and has been removed for new claim 100, obviating that rejection.

Claims 101 and 104 differ from the prior claims in that a redundant reference to jet fuel had been eliminated and gasoline has been added as a solvent. Support for this change can be found at page 29, lines 13 - 20 of the disclosure.

In the action, the examiner rejected claim 51 under 35 U.S.C. §112. As discussed above, new claim 101 is presented to address the error in claim 51. Thus the rejection is now moot.

The examiner next rejected claims 44 – 47, 52 – 55, 58 and 59 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable in view of the Kirk patent. Those claims have now been canceled, rendering the rejection moot.

The examiner objected to claims 48 – 50, 56, 57, 60 and 61 as depending from rejected claims. These claims have been represented or more claims 98 – 106 which do not depend from rejected claims. The objection is moot.

Lastly, the examiner indicated that claims 62 – 69, 71 – 79, and 81 – 96 were allowed.

CONCLUSIONS

Applicant respectfully submits that the pending claims are free of the art and are in condition for allowance.

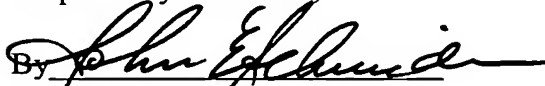
Applicant believes there is no fee due with this response. However, if fees are due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 06-2375, under Order No. P02956US0 (AKA ORYXE.029A) from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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